SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

On page 3, lines 3-4, please amend the specification as follows:

~~Figure 1 and Figure 2~~ <u>Figures 1A-1F and Figures 2A-2F</u> represent computer analysis of data obtained in the Examples.

On page 17, lines 3-11, please amend the specification as follows:

The signals generated from the various samples in the study are represented in Table 5 for the HIV samples and Table 6 for the HBV samples. The tables show the lysis conditions used for the samples and the signals generated for the internal control which was processed with the samples and either the HIV or the HBV signals from the samples. The ratios of the signals from the positive samples to the signals from the negative samples were plotted and analyzed using JMP software from SAS Institute Inc. The results from both the HIV and HBV extractions, ~~Figures 1 and 2~~ <u>Figures 1A-1F and Figures 2A-2F</u> respectively, show that a wide range of conditions can be used in the process for both HIV and HBV and that many conditions allow for the simultaneous extraction of both HIV and HBV.